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Star Party and Multicultural Astronomy Program at the NASA Visitor Center

Several Astronomy related activities are planned for Friday, Feb.16, 2001, at the NASA Visitor Center, Wallops Island, VA.

1 p.m. -- "Our Star the Sun". Take a peek through the Visitor Center's telescope and find out how many sunspots are visible. This event will be cancelled if it is raining or overcast skies.

3 p.m. -- "Stars-in-the-Sky". Children create star posters and learn how to recognize some of the better-known constellations in the sky. Parents are encouraged to attend this 30-minute "hands-on" program. No reservations are necessary and all materials are provided by the NASA Visitor Center.

6 p.m. -- "Multicultural Astronomy". Ancient Egyptians, Druids in the British Isles, as well as, slaves traveling north on the Underground Railroad used astronomy and their knowledge of stellar objects for navigation. Learn about constellations, the Sun's path in the sky, equinoxes and solstices during this one hour program.

7 p.m. - 10 p.m. -- "Evening Sky". Find the circumpolar constellations and get a closer view of stars and planets through our telescope. If you have your own telescope, bring it along! This event will be cancelled if it is raining or overcast skies.

The Visitor Center, part of the Robert L. Krieger Education Complex, is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is located on Route 175 about six miles from Route 13 and five miles from Chincoteague, VA. Admission to Visitor Center Programs is free. For further information, please call (757) 824-2298.

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